

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A¹ The files that have been downloaded may typically reside in the user's memory devices for extended periods of time prior to the information contained in those files being accessed by the user. During this extended period of time, which may be months or years, the information may become outdated or updates may exist that correct errors that have been identified in the version of the file that was downloaded. Furthermore, with the passage of time, the user may not remember the location from where the file originated and determining that location may be a difficult, if not impossible, task if the user decides to check for an updated or newer version.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page ¹²43, line ²5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A² Alternatively, in another advantageous embodiment, an entry may be entered in a specially coded file registry associated within controller 210 that records, at a minimum, the name of the downloaded files and a source descriptor identifying the originating source, such as an URL, from where the downloaded file was obtained. Other entries in this file registry may include a time stamp of when the downloaded file was retrieved from the source site. In the case where controller 210 is running an OS/2 operating system, the source descriptor information may be stored in the extended attributes of the downloaded file. It should be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that the location where the source descriptor is stored is dependent on the file format methodology employed by controller 210, e.g., for a PDF file, the source descriptor information may not be added to the file in a manner that may disable older versions of Acrobat viewers. In the case of a PDF file or with the OS/2 operating system discussed above, in an advantageous embodiment, the source descriptor could be stored within the file by replacing a text of a comment or any other embedded string in the document file with a specially coded string that has an unique digital signature.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

AB Following the attachment of the source descriptor, process 300 enters a "dormant" or waiting period, as depicted in step 345, until such time as when the downloaded file is opened by a user or, in another advantageous embodiment, at a predetermined time interval. The time interval is typically set by the user and may be programmed to be as short as daily or longer as every six months. Alternatively, in another embodiment, a triggering event may be an "on-demand" request by the user to update the file. Similarly, if it is determined in step 330 that the downloaded file has a source identifier included in it, process 300 proceeds to wait until the downloaded file is opened by the user or at the predetermined time interval.
